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Data reveals rising post-consumer textile waste in Bengaluru wards with areas collecting as much as 83,767 kg of discarded fabrics

DRESSED TO KILL

'Textiles make up 7-12% of dry waste collected'

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Waste generated from textiles is one of the most overlooked categories of urban waste.

Despite repeated warnings by environmentalists and climate scientists about the impact of fast fashion on the planet, there has been a steady increase in textile waste generated in the city.

In Bengaluru, dry waste is collected by Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCCs) through a door-to-door collection system. From the data collected from 68 DWCCs supported by Bengaluru-based 'social impact organisation' Hasiru Dala, a total of 15.596 MT of dry waste was collected from 14.47 lakh households, out of which, 4% consisted of cloth waste, in 2021.

A cloth waste audit was held this year across 15 DWCCs as compared to 4 in 2019. The data collected revealed that 7-12% of the total dry waste collected was discarded textiles. The difference in the percentage of cloth waste across DWCCs was attributed to better quality source segregation and better reporting of waste composition from DWCCs.

"Access to recycling infra is harder for post-consumer textile waste..." — Karthik Natarajan, Hasiru Dala

Among the 15 DWCCs, the highest amount of cloth waste was reported from ward 24 - HBR Layout - with 83,767 kg amounting to 13.97% of total waste while the highest percentage of cloth waste in comparison to total waste was reported in ward 23 - Nagavara - totalling to 16.12% of the total dry waste. The least quantity of cloth waste was collected from ward 114 - Agaram - where 825 kg of cloth waste was reported.

Textile waste is further categorised into two categories — post-consumer reusable cloth waste and post-consumer non-reusable cloth waste. Clothes that could be reused like a

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Butterfly collectors

Bengaluru Butterfly Club (BBC) spots over 1 lakh plus individuals

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The large number of butterflies spotted in Bengaluru, experts said, is an indication that despite rapid urbanisation the city has remained rich in butterfly diversity. At the Doresanipalya forest campus, the Bengaluru Butterfly Club (BBC) spotted over 1 lakh plus individual butterflies.

The BBC, is a group comprising like-minded nature lovers whose vision is to spread the message of butterfly conservation in Karnataka. The club was formed with the coming together of four butterfly watchers – Ashok Sengupta, Haneesh KM, Nitin Ravikantachari and Rohit Girotra in January 2011. All were new to the world of butterflies; the original idea was to exchange information, share knowledge and go out on butterfly watching walks in and around Bengaluru.

BBC completed 10 years of counting butterflies in Bengaluru and till date have counted over 1,11,000 butterflies during the past 10 years at the Doresanipalya forest campus, with an addition of 16 new species to the Bengaluru butterfly list.

With over 1 lakh plus butterflies found, the city as well as Karnataka are indeed doing well in terms of biodiversity, stated the BBC members. "Karnataka is doing very well in terms of butterfly diversity. The Karnataka forest department has done an excellent job in terms of butterfly conservation. Under the leadership of Sanjay Mohan, principal chief conservator of forests, Karnataka

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Pun-in-cheek

The Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising 'JUST LIKE THAT', an exhibition of cartoons by Dr Sudeendra Koushik. an innovator, engineer and a technologist. As a TEDx speaker, Koushik speaks globally on innovation and sees the funny side of things. With more than two dozen patents, he never misses a chance to bring a smile on people's faces, at least on some people.
Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery, Midford Garden
When: Till March 26, 10am – 6pm (except Sundays)

02 Circuits of expression

The Gallery @Maya, a slow-living restaurant in Jayanagar, is showcasing an art show "The Circuits of Expressions" by artist Dibyendu Seal. In this collection, Dibyendu captures existence in the "hustle culture" with organic life-forms. Intricately crafting raw expressions, he uses animals as metaphors for human life and weaves a modern-day philosophy in every creation. The paintings have silent yearnings for something beyond the tangible world.
Where: Maya, Jayanagar, 5th Block
When: Till March 15, 12pm – 11pm
Contact: 7483871410

03 Artwork by Salman Khan

Sandeep & Gitanjali Maini Foundation and AGP World, in association with Being Human - The Salman Khan Foundation, Gallery G and Artiere Gallery, is hosting a solo show of artworks by artist and superstar Salman Khan. Titled 'Motherhood – An Artistic Ode to Mother Teresa', this is Salman's first-ever solo show in a commercial gallery. Three paintings, including two new large-size works created by the artist, will be on display at Bengaluru's Gallery G. Two of his paintings, titled 'Still in Hope of Compassion' and 'Begging for Peace' are also on display on the Google Arts & Culture (https://artsandculture.google.com) digital platform.

Where: Gallery G, Lavelle Road, www.galleryg.com
When: March 11 – March 25

In retrospect: Two years & three waves of Covid

The virus taught – and continues to teach – a lot about life, medicine, resilience, and more

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March 8, 2020. A day, that most Bengalureans would remember not for International Women's Day, but, as the day the city got its first Covid case. Since then, two years have flown by, with many succumbing to the virus, and others trying to make sense of a new way of life – with masks, shields, and social distancing.

In the last two years, Bengalureans have witnessed three waves. So far, 17.79 lakh people have tested positive for Covid in the city (second-highest in the country) and 16,931 people have lost their lives – numbers that make this the worst pandemic seen or remembered by the current generation.

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Covid, in a nutshell: A healthcare worker takes a breather; Lalbagh Botanical Garden under lockdown; cops spread awareness about covid in early March 2020; schoolkids get jabbed

The third wave

January 2022 was a roller coaster ride for Bengalureans in terms of Covid. As predicted, the transmissibility of the virus was the highest, courtesy Omicron. Around 4, 56,462 patients tested positive for Covid in Bengaluru in a single month alone. This was the highest monthly infection since Covid hit the city on March 8, 2020. Since February, the cases have declined quickly.

What a pandemic taught us

"During the Covid-19 pandemic, the global community proved that it can act to address a crisis with the help of governments and individuals taking measures. We got a clear message that when we work together, we can make a difference while overcoming huge challenges," said, Dr Raghu J, HoD and Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease Specialist, Sakra World Hospital.

According to him, during the initial phase of the pandemic, healthcare workers faced huge challenges in diagnosis, quarantine, contact tracing and treatment of suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19. The disruption of medical supplies and working of the healthcare system caused a huge burden on hospitals, doctors and healthcare professionals who endangered their lives to save people.

The medical fraternity was able to develop the appropriate vaccine within a year, which was a huge accomplishment, he added.

> **"We must appreciate the progress medical science made that helped us understand the virus and identify ways to tackle it**
> — Dr SN Aravinda, Aster RV Hospital

With Covid affecting lungs mostly, pulmonologists had a tough time. Dr Sandeepa H S, Consultant Pulmonologist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, said, "Globally the healthcare industry was not prepared to combat a pandemic like Covid. The system went through tough times from diagnosing millions to finding the accurate medication for individuals across the globe."

Sandeepa said that in a bid to find an immediate solution to fight the pandemic, some new or existing methods were used aggressively. The healthcare industry encouraged remote care through teleconsultation and digital healthcare solutions, which, to an extent, helped reduce panic. This helped doctors monitor the condition of patients with Covid and other diseases remotely.

Digital v/s phygital

Remote working was not just limited to hospitals but also schools and many companies. According to doctors and citizens, lockdowns were more severe than the total bandhs. People were scared to leave their homes and in other instances, action was taken against those venturing out. The images of barricades in front of houses, shops, streets, will forever be etched in our memories.

Takeaways and more

Is there any positive learning from Covid? Dr SN Aravinda, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital, believes that one of the major learnings from Covid was the dedication that medical workers displayed as the entire healthcare workforce worked on overdrive.

"It has been more than two years and despite the risks associated with Covid, medical staff dedicated their lives towards battling the pandemic while also focussing on patients with other health problems. This is truly an accomplishment that should not go unnoticed."

Aravind added that Covid made it clear that medical research, healthcare infrastructure and technology and having quick emergency plans will become the priority in the future. "The importance of technology, and medical science helped us deal with the pandemic. We must appreciate the progress that medical science has made that helped us understand the virus faster and identify methods to tackle it."

After two years and three waves, the that looms large is whether there will be another wave or most importantly, will the pandemic end. Doctors say that in terms of the virus itself, there is a lot of uncertainty because the virus' ability to mutate and impact the human system is still an open-ended discussion.

However, the entire world's ability to adapt, and deploy quicker diagnosis and treatment options for the virus has improved drastically and should there be a newer variant, we are far more equipped to quickly cope with it.

Stolen, not yet found

IISc student's laptop worth ₹80,000 missing from campus

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A Phd student studying at IISc Bengaluru has filed a complaint with the Sadashivanagar police after his laptop went missing from his hostel room inside the campus on Thursday morning.

Amal Roy, 27, a Phd student studying computer science, said that on that particular morning, he and his friend were studying inside his room in the new boys' hostel.

"I fell asleep while keeping my laptop aside on a table. When I woke up, my friend had left and my laptop was missing. I called my friend to check and he told me that the laptop was kept on charge when he left. My room was not locked at that time and I suspect that someone may have walked in and stolen it. About five housekeeping staff and a security guard were on duty when the incident took place."

Roy added that he immediately called the IISC control room and informed them about the theft. "I spoke to the housekeeping staff and looked around the campus but did not find anything. At that time, except security, the water supply staff were also present and no one else was allowed to enter," he said.

Amal Roy, a PhD student, had purchased the laptop in 2019

Roy said that he strongly suspects the water supply staff as they were walking about in the corridor at the time. "Our security staff informed me that they checked the CCTV footage and did not find anything. I had bought the laptop in 2019 for Rs 80,000 and I had to approach the police," he said.

A senior police officer said that they were currently questioning the staff and checking the log entries. "Due to the student's privacy, CCTV cameras were present only at the entrance and exit of the hostel. We went through the footage and we have not found anything yet," he said.

A fireman's narrow escape in Marathahalli

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A fireman sustained injuries after he slipped and fell 10 to 12 feet while trying to douse a fire on the fourth floor of a commercial building near Bagmane Tech Park, Marathahalli, on Saturday.

The fireman, identified as Vinay Kumar (32), along with his teammates Prakash, Anjani Kumar and Dayanand went inside the seven-storey building at around 10.45 am. As it was a new building, the materials required for the work of interiors were stored on the fourth floor such as floor carpets, plywood partitions etc.

"Vinay who was wearing a protective gear and breathing apparatus, panicked. He managed to reach a ventilator and flashed a torch light to send SoS signals. Immediately, the rescue team went up and tied a rope around him to scale him down," narrated an official.

However, Vinay lost balance and slipped from the first floor. His body hit the ground causing fractures to his rib and a cut on his forehead. He was rushed to a private hospital.

Meanwhile, 14 vehicles including fire boozers, water tankers, aerial ladder vehicle, rescue van etc fought for at least five hours to douse the fire. As it was a new building, there were no people or other materials stored.

The team, led by Director K Shivakumar along with Siddegowda, District Fire Officer, Mahadevapura, suspect that the cause of the fire could be due to a short-circuit. However, samples have been collected and sent to the FSL, a senior fire official said.

Leader's pocket slashed, money stolen during rally

A senior congress leader filed a complaint with the police after someone stole money kept to pay for the flexes of Congress' Mekedatu Padayatra. It is said the cash was stolen while he was with protestors walking near Gayatri Vihar on Thursday morning.

He said Rs 68,000, including money for flexes for the party, were stolen from his secret pocket

Dr Anand Kumar, 56, resident of Yelahanka, is a former chairman for one of the committees of Congress. Kumar said he had kept about Rs 68,000 in a secret pocket in his pants. He said the pocket was cut open by the accused who stole the money while they halted at the Palace Grounds on the final day of Padayatra.

Kumar said, "I'm one of the organisers. I had kept Rs 55,000 cash which was supposed to be paid for the flexes put up for our Mekedatu Padayatra in Palace Grounds. Along with that money, I had kept about Rs 13,000 for other expenses. While I was busy with the event, someone near me cut my pocket and fled before I could know. I only realised I was robbed when I tried to open my wallet and couldn't find the cash."

He said the wallet contained cash, ID cards and credit and debit cards. He informed the police and filed a complaint immediately, he said. .

"There were hundreds of people who had gathered in that spot during the Padayatra and we are trying to go through the CCTV footage to identify the accused," the police said. Further investigation is underway.

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BBMP to pour cold water down fire-setting plans

Fines, strict action to be served to those found setting fire to garbage in city

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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to tighten its noose around miscreants who set garbage piles on fire across the city. In a meeting convened recently, BBMP has directed its marshalls to take strict action against anyone caught dumping garbage along the roadside or found setting it alight.

The decision has been taken in the wake of the approaching summer season and recent episodes of in the city.

"In the meeting, marshals were directed to levy heavy penalties on those who are caught dumping garbage in public places including alongside the roads or vacant sites. In case BBMP staff are found to be involved, strict legal action will be initiated against them too. They will be marked absent from the duty and will also have to pay the penalty," said a BBMP official.

The offenders will be penalised according to the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rule 2016. The Palike is concerned about the dry season and the regular increase in fire frequency in the past.

"Penalty provisions are already mentioned in SWM 2016 rules and these will get evoked against the offenders. Garbage fire becomes more frequent during the summer season due to various reasons. The chances of garbage piles catching fire on their own go up during the dry season. This happens due to a significant amount of methane emissions. We will be more vigilant about unattended garbage piles and will take care of them regularly. We always try to clear all the garbage by 10 am every day and the same routine will be followed with more force," said the official.

According to Harish Kumar K, special commissioner, solid waste management, BBMP, while the civic body will impose a fine on the offenders in extreme cases, it will be the last resort.

"Fine will be charged as per SWM 2016 rules. However, we aim to spread awareness about proper disposal and management of solid waste among citizens. Penalty will always be our last resort," said Kumar.

"Marshalls have been directed to levy heavy penalties against those dumping waste in public spaces, even on the roadside and in empty sites — A BBMP official

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Cases of waste set on fire rise during summer season

On March 3, BM reported open dumping of waste and its burning are making apartment dwellers anxious about health

Ejipura Flyover contract scrapped

Govt cites tardiness, slow pace of work. It began in 2017 and is only 45% complete

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The state government terminated the work order issued to a contractor for slow paced, tardy work. The work which started on May 4 in 2017 was supposed to be completed by November 4 in 2019.

Even after four years and nine months, the progress is less than 45 per cent. The project was taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 204 crore. Until September 2021, Rs 75.11 crore had been paid to the contractor. As the work was going on at a slow pace, notices were served twice earlier without any progress on the ground.

This four-lane flyover in Koramangala -- home to several globally recognised startups -- now appears to be a distant dream. Motorists are forced to drive on the road that is completely disintegrated. The 3-km stretch is riddled with bad roads.

A BBMP official said, "Around 45 per cent of the work on the flyover has been completed. We tried our best to complete the work on the flyover within a year, however the contractor didn't cooperate. Residents blame that there was no proper plan or set dates in place for this project since the beginning. This stretch has become a nuisance and contributes to dust pollution regularly.

The project began at an estimated cost of Rs 204 crore. The contractors were served notices twice due to the unusual delay in work

Residents also claimed this project was taken up without consulting them.

"There was no demand for a flyover. We wanted a Metro line instead of a flyover. Later we came to know BBMP wanted to cut 40 trees on this stretch. We want them to allocate funds for the project before cutting those trees. We are doubtful whether this project will be completed even after cutting those trees," a resident had said.

Perhaps due to pressure from various quarters, the contractor briefly resumed the work for a few weeks but the construction work came to a halt again.

It's learned, the contractor stopped the work due to payment issues. The civic body had opened an Escrow bank account to ensure payments are made directly to the labourers and sub-contractors who are involved in the day-to-day execution of the works.

Recently, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya alleged the work reflects the 'inefficiency' of BBMP. He had conducted an inspection of the project and spoken to officials regarding its slow progress.

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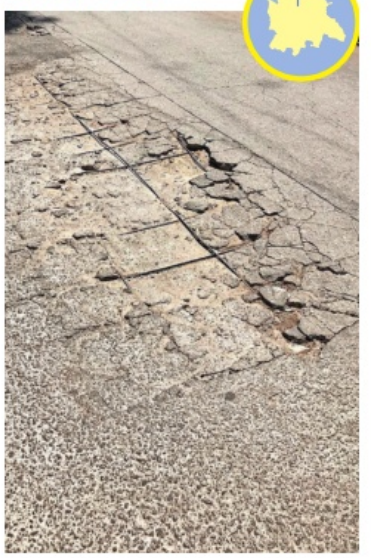

Berlie Street was last asphalted over 10 years ago. It's concrete has erorded. BBMP must fix the road.

Road hazard
Indiranagar

The spot next to Metro Pillar 62 is a hazard to pedestrians. It must be fixed at the earliest.

Open threat
Nandini Layout

The stormwater drain on 24th Main is open and must be covered or barricaded to prevent accidents.

What's the weather like? It's blowing hot & cold

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Until Monday, the sweltering heat in various regions in Karnataka was indicating that summer is near. However, on Tuesday, dark clouds covered the city's sky. It made one wonder whether the pre-monsoon showers are already here even before peak summer.

Met department officials said the cyclonic circulation over Gulf of Mannar and its neighbourhood is now seen as a trough in easterlies from Gulf of Mannar to north Tamil Nadu coast and extended up to 1.5-km above mean sea level.

For the next one day, the city's weather will be cloudy although there may be chances of light rain in a few areas. The mist is likely during the early morning hours in some areas. Surface winds are likely to be strong and gusty at times. The maximum temperature in the city saw a dip of four degree celsius with now city's temperature likely to be around 27 degree Celsius. The temperature may go up by another two degree Celsius by Wednesday though the city may experience cloudy weather.

Meanwhile, a few areas in the state are likely to experience showers on Monday and Tuesday due to a depression in the Bay of Bengal region, as per IMD. While Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and Hassan districts are set to receive rains on Monday, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Gadag, Belagavi, Dharwad, Haveri are to experience it on Tuesday. IMD also stated, the rains with thunderstorms are likely in districts which lie in the Western Ghats region. It has also predicted rains with thunderstorms on March 9. However, no warning has been issued by the weather man till March 11 in the state. The showers are likely to come as a pleasant relief to the people experiencing dry spells in the recent past.

Meanwhile, Karwar recorded the highest maximum temperature of 36.8 degree Celsius while Davanagere recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 15.0 degree Celsius.

Class-ic relief: Buy from shop of choice

Due to parents' financial issues post-covid, schools open to materials being bought outside prescribed shops

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As the admission season starts, parents in the city are worried about forcible pressure from schools that school accessories including stationery and uniforms should be purchased at 'select' shops. Many times these shops sell the items at a higher price while the neighbouring shops sell it at a lower price, parents said.

However, the parents are forced to show a bill from these shops at the schools. Now, putting an end to this practice, school associations have finally given 'freedom' to parents to buy accessories from where they please.

As many parents are suffering from Covid-induced financial crises, private school administrations decided against pressurizing children to buy branded dresses and encouraged the "Make in India" concept.

"Earlier, we were forced to buy school bags, uniforms, notebooks and other materials in prescribed stores. Some schools were suggesting high-priced products and some were suggesting buying imported materials. This was stressing parents out and creating a clash among them and the school management," said Geetha Rani, a parent.

In Karnataka there are 19,645 private schools operating with 45.71 lakh students. The academic year will start from May 14 for the year 2022-23.

Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka's general secretary D Shashi Kumar said, "We have an advisory for schools to look into the Covid-hit economic statuses of parents when prescribing uniforms and stationery needs. Many schools with high fees prescribe uniforms and shoes from premium brands. Some private schools also prescribe textbooks which are not freely available in the marketplace and are pricey. The management found that most of the schools use monopoly branding at all possible levels."

Kumar said parents who can afford the expensive prices are comfortable with the ongoing system but many others have faced a financial crunch due to the pandemic.

"The advisory suggests schools cut down on physical books and notebooks and make use of digitally available resources. The hybrid method of teaching and learning should be used but with observation on misuse of social media by the students."

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Attendance no issue for school/PU

The state government decided to do away with the mandatory 75 per cent attendance rule for writing exams this year. This rule will be applicable to schools and PU colleges only for now.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh told BM, "It has come to our notice that a section of students are worried about exams as they don't have the required attendance. Many have faced a lot of hardships, including Covid, the lockdown and other difficulties during the current academic year. Considering all this, we have decided against making attendance mandatory for students."

It may be noted, till now students were not given admission tickets if their attendance was less than 75 per cent.

Prohibitory orders around city schools, colleges over hijab

Bengaluru Police Commissioner Kamal Pant on Monday issued prohibitory orders in and around schools and colleges in the city till March 22.

The order says that any gathering, agitation or protest of any type within the 200 metre area of schools, PU colleges, degree colleges or other similar education institutions in Bengaluru city has been extended for another two weeks. Noting that in certain parts of the state, in the last few weeks, protests and agitations have been held in connection with the strict enforcement of uniform rules at schools and colleges, he said that since at many places, the protests have disturbed public peace and order, it is considered very essential to initiate proper security measures to maintain public peace and order in Bengaluru. The issue is still alive and possibility of holding protests far and against over the issue can not be ruled out and hence the order has been issued, the Commissioner of Police said.

Hijab row has surfaced in colleges of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Shivamogga districts. Presently, the High Court has completed hearing of arguments and reserved its verdict.

TN Min's daughter seeks protection from B'luru police

The newly-married daughter of a Tamil Nadu Minister on Monday approached Bengaluru Police Commissioner to seek protection from her father.

Jayakalyani, daughter of the state Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister, PK Sekar Babu, who is the close confidante of Chief Minister MK Stalin, has sought protection along with her husband Satish Kumar, police said.

She submitted a memorandum to the Police Commissioner Kamal Pant. Speaking to media, the Minister's daughter said she was in love with Satish Kumar since many years which her family opposed.

"My parents have objected to my love towards Satish Kumar. When I attempted to get married to him couple of months ago, the police arrested him and took him into custody for two months," she added. "I suspect the role of my father behind this. I am an adult. We both love each other and have got married," Jayakalyani said. "We were given death threats if we return to Tamil Nadu, therefore we have approached Bengaluru Police Commissioner seeking protection," she added. —IANS

On rising urban textile waste

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shirt or saree belong to the first category while clothes that were too dirty or soiled to be up-cycled belong to the second. The unusable cloth waste has to be sent to the landfills or cement factories. However, having to incur transportation costs, DWCCs end up enduring losses in the process.

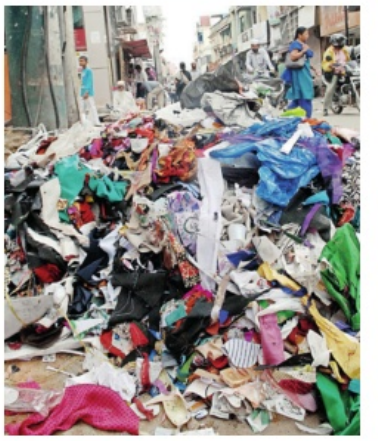
Currently, there are two markets for cloth waste that goes along with non-recyclables — cement factories and landfills. Cement factories have to pay DWCC Rs 3-4/kg for non-recyclables while the DWCCs have to incur Rs 10/kg in transportation leading to a loss of Rs 6-7/kg.

Similarly, the BBMP is supposed to take non-recyclables to landfill for no additional cost. The DWCCs have to pay Rs 2/kg to send the non-recyclables to landfills.

An analysis of the 2021 data revealed that post-consumer textile waste is on the rise. "Twenty percent of the cloth waste can be reused, 40% has to be repaired before reuse and 40% is completely unusable. Either the cloth pieces had overshot expiry dates or soiled in the process of segregation. For cloth waste to be usable/up-cycled, it should be sent through a separate collection system or segregated effectively," said Krishna, an operator at Domlur DWCC.

In 2018, Hasiru Dala undertook a pilot project in Domlur ward to collect cloth waste separately, twice a week. After 3-4 weeks of awareness drives, the team was able to collect cloth waste and resold it at a nominal price.

"Currently, there is not much access to recycling infrastructure in Bengaluru and even harder for post-consumer textiles to be recycled. An estimated 40% is being reused but with repair; it can go up to 50-70%. Citizens need to be aware of disposing of cloth waste to reduce unusable cloth wastage. We have noticed that in areas where segregation has improved, we were able to collect more reusable cloth waste," said Karthik Natarajan, project manager at Hasiru Dala.



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Follow lane discipline

Cyclists demand two-wheeler riders stay off their lanes; strict enforcement of safety norms

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On Monday evening, a 36-year-old techie was pedalling on the cycle lane near Bagmane Tech park, only to be hit by a biker coming from the opposite direction. With such incidents growing in number, cyclists want their lanes free of two-wheelers. They have also decided to hold a silent protest demanding the reclamation of cycle lanes in the city.

Shrilesh Yeshwanth Naik was cycling from KR Puram to Marathahalli. A rider on a bike was coming from the opposite direction in the cycle lane. "My headlight was on and I was trying to caution him to stop him. As he was riding in full speed, I had no place to escape as there was a barricade on the left and a wall on the right."

In the next few minutes, the biker ended up hitting Naik.

"Last week, I had a similar accident in Bellandur when a delivery personnel coming from the opposite side hit me. It is very scary for cyclists as they cannot escape fast enough." Nagaprakash Kammara, a techie and a regular cyclist also voiced similar thoughts. He said that the bikers encroach upon cycle lanes and many are unaware of that fact, while Arvind Dwarakanath, another cyclist, added that the lack of clear signage was another issue.

In fact, the bollards on ORR were India's first pop-up bicycle lane. The cycle lanes stretch up to17 kilometres on either side of the ORR service lane from Lowry junction near KR Puram to Silk Board junction near HSR Layout.

Sathya Sankaran, Bengaluru's Bicycle Mayor blamed the issue on lack of enforcement by authorities and lack of awareness campaigns. He said that while signs were present on the stretches, since motorists often enter the wrong way, they do not notice it.

Though cycle lanes are a good concept, implementation is key to cyclists' safety

"It is, a public infrastructure created by BBMP and the onus of being aware is on the public. We can't claim ignorance. We can help with drives. The police force which spends heavily on newspaper ads and hoardings to promote seatbelts and helmets should use this to spread awareness on cycle lanes."

> **"It is public infrastructure made by BBMP. The public needs to be aware of this. We can't claim ignorance**
>
> –Sathya Sankaran, Bicycle Mayor

Sankaran added that the police want CCTVs installed and DULT has written to them. BBMP meanwhile, offered to install the cameras but have not got around to doing it. Another issue, as the mayor points out, was the delay in making cycle lanes permanent, thanks to covid. "This was supposed to be completed within six months before offices opened after the first wave. We can jointly request for a permanent lane which makes this completely segregated from the main road using concrete or other materials," said Sankaran.

"Bicycle lanes are a fabulous concept to keep bicycle commuters safe and decongest roads. However, it needs to be implemented in a disciplined way by the authorities for it to work, else it is obvious that it has been designed for failure," Sheriyar Unwalla, a cyclist, said.

Why are cycle lanes on the right side of the ORR service lane?

According to Sankaran, creating the lane on the left would have caused too many interruptions for cyclists, rendering it useless. Secondly, the ORR service lane was declared one-way in the direction of the traffic. This means the cycle lane is not against the movement of traffic. "It's a different matter that most people use it two-way which is illegal. Third, the bus lane is on the left side of the main carriageway and having the cycle lane on the right side of the service lane would allow bus users to shift to other transport modes without having to cross the road."

The trees on the median between the service lane and carriageway also provide shade to cyclists. While this will not work on all roads, on ORR, the advantages of having this on the right of the service lane was the best move, he added.

Minor cycle thief gives cops the slip

Police alleged to have even washed their hands of job of tracing cycle

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A juvenile, not even in his teens, managed to give a slip to the Banaswadi police after he stole an expensive all-terrain mountain bicycle from a house in Lingarajpuram. Arul Dass Suresh, owner of the bicycle and resident of KSFC Layout, told this newspaper he had bought the geared bicycle on October 26, 2021, for his son at nearly Rs 10,000. "The actual cost of the bicycle was Rs 42,999 and I bought it on a special offer from the e-commerce portal," Suresh told Bangalore Mirror.

The bicycle in the ground floor parking area went missing on January 29, and at first the father-son thought it was a prank. When they were unable to trace the bicycle for three days, they checked the CCTV footage and found that around 10.33 am, a boy appearing to be around 10 to 12 years of age enters the building, spends about three minutes looking for things to steal and rides away on the bicycle.

Armed with the CCTV footage, Suresh approached the Banaswadi police. Suresh told the cops that as it was a minor who had stolen the bicycle, he did not want to pursue any case, but requested them to help recover the stolen bicycle. The cops took a written complaint from him on February 2, 2022.

A constable named Cheluva identified the boy from the footage and picked him up for questioning. The boy told the cops he had given the cycle to his friend in another area. When the cops tracked the friend, they found the house locked and neighbours said they had left the state. The cops sent the minor back to his house. "It was over a month and the cycle remained untraced," Suresh said. He once again approached the cops and a policeman went to check the minor's house, but this time, his family too had left.

> **Police turn against complainant for not having pursued a case earlier as the thief was a minor**

Suresh then told the cops if police don't help recover the cycle, the boys would be encouraged to commit more crimes. So he requested that an FIR be registered. He said the police told him as the minor and his friend had fled the city, they is nothing much they can do. "The cops were telling me to forget about my stolen cycle and move on," Suresh told BM.

When Suresh stuck to his request, the cops allegedly threatened him that he too would be made a party to the crime as he had not wanted to pursue the case against the minor.

Classy Juliette makes B'luru boy proud

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After the classy grey filly Juliette uncorked a champagne performance in the Champion Of Champions event, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup on Super Sunday, the bubbly flowed and it was time to dance all night long in the Karthik Ganapathy camp. It simply was a moment to cherish and the Bengaluru boy Karthik standing tall at the podium lauded the effort of Juliette, the best horse on the Indian racing circuit. "She is the best horse I have trained and I consider myself very lucky to have her in my yard," said Karthik pointing out that the star performer simply pulled the plug and fused out her five rivals including the triple Derby winner Zuccarelli.

It was Karthik's maiden success in the champion event which offered a whopping one crore in stakes and more importantly an entry into the Hall Of Fame and in the champion scroll of honour. From leading in his first winner, Star Summit in Bengaluru, 15 summers ago to the coronation at Guindy on the Indian Turf Invitation Cup day, it has been one challenging journey for the talented pro, who learnt his ropes from his father S Ganapathy, who to his credit has saddled 97 classic winners and is the only Indian trainer to have won twice in the highly competitive and most prestigious Dubai racing carnival, Indian wonder horse Mystical from his yard, twice making India proud in Dubai.

After Juliette lost a race which she should have easily won thanks to the injudicious effort of top Indian `Knight' Sandesh, who was later suspended by the Mumbai Stewards for his inept effort in the champion event last year, Karthik left no stone unturned in his effort to bag the biggest prize in the Indian racing, chalking out a definite design and plan and in the showdown at sundown at Guindy, the unassuming pro accomplished his mission.

"During her final training schedule in Bengaluru, she enjoyed her work in the nippy morning winter and she looked very good in the paddock parade in Chennai. She was calm and composed and she looked ready to do battle. On the strength of her impressive efforts in the morning trials I was confident that she would gallop home to wear the top sash and she did just that in style," said Karthik. It was not only her trainer and jockey Chotu Singh Jodha who wanted her to score. All Chennai was backing the favourite to reign supreme and Juliette readily made her big cheer brigade proud racing like one possessed. It was a superb effort and Jodha too lauded the effort of the champion. "She simply was in a mood to thrash her rivals and I just guided her in her exercise to come out on top and make the elite list," said Jodha who partnered the champion.

Now that the Bengaluru lad, who has made a mark in Mumbai, has joined the select brigade after the Invitation Cup success, Karthik understands the onus will be on him to keep performing at the highest level. But with support from wife Meena and his father ever willing to provide solutions to the many tricky challenges, Karthik is looking to stay in the classic circle.

Trainer Karthik proudly leads in Juliette after she emerged the Champion of Champions at Chennai on Sunday

Rupee touches lifetime low
Sliding for the fourth straight session, the rupee tanked 76 paise to close at 76.93 on Monday, after touching its lifetime low of 77 against the US dollar

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NSE Co-Location case: Chitra Ramkrishna in 7-day CBI remand

#NEW DELHI

A Special CBI court of Delhi on Monday sent former managing director and chief executive officer of National Stock Exchange (NSE) Chitra Ramkrishna to seven-day CBI remand in connection with the NSE co-location case.

The Special CBI Judge Sanjeev Aggarwal after hearing the submissions decided to sent Chitra Ramkrishna for CBI remand till March 14.

CBI in its remand application sought a 14-day remand and stated that Chitra Ramakrishna continues to provide evasive answers and misguide the Investigation Officer.

CBI counsel submitted that the custodial interrogation of accused Chitra Ramakrishna is needed to unearth the criminal conspiracy and the role of other NSE officials and brokers in the company. She is also required to be confronted with co-accused Anand Subramanian, who is already in police custody of CBI, to understand the magnitude and scope of the criminal conspiracy.

Chitra Ramkrishna

CBI while seeking remand further stated that she is also required to be confronted with digital evidence available on record. Ramakrishna continues to be vague and had only eluded from answering the Investigation officer by denying that she had shared any confidential data with anyone.

Senior Advocate Trideep Pais, appearing for Ramakrishna, had opposed the demand application and said, it was her because of whom the co-location scam was stopped. She has an 85-year-old mother, she has a young daughter. Her liberty would be curtailed. CBI didn't arrest the main accused, argued her lawyer.

Today the same CBI court has extended the remand of Anand Subramanian, former Group Operating Officer and advisor to former MD Ramkrishna. **–ANI**

Efforts on to bring back Indians stuck in Sumy

PM speaks to Putin & Zelenskyy; seeks safe, quick evacuation

#NEW DELHI

As the Russia-Ukraine war entered its 12th day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and sought their support in the safe and quick evacuation of the Indian students stuck in Ukraine's embattled Sumy city.

Noting that India has always stood for peaceful resolution of issues, Modi during his separate conversations with Putin and Zelenskyy suggested direct conversation between them, saying it may "greatly assist" the peace efforts.

In the last few days, India has been particularly focusing on the evacuation of around 700 Indian students from Sumy, and also strongly pressed both the Russian and Ukrainian governments through multiple channels for an immediate ceasefire in the region for their safe exit from there.

During his 50-minute phone conversation with Putin, Modi stressed the importance of safe evacuation of Indian citizens from Sumy "at the earliest" and the Russian President assured him of all possible cooperation to safely get them out of the city, official sources said.

IAF personnel assist Harjot Singh, who sustained bullet injuries in Kyiv, on his arrival at Hindan airbase in Ghaziabad, on Monday.

A Russian readout of the Modi-Putin talks said the Russian President informed the Indian leader about the decision of his forces to "establish a ceasefire and open humanitarian corridors today amid the worsening of the humanitarian situation". It said the Russian military is making every effort to ensure the evacuation of the Indian citizens from Sumy. "Prime Minister Modi conveyed his concern for the safety and security of the Indian students in Sumy. President Putin briefed the PM about the ongoing measures," the PMO said. **—PTI**

'China, India should be partners, not rivals'

#BEIJING

China and India have encountered "some setbacks" in the bilateral relations in recent years, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Monday as he called for managing their differences over the boundary issue through equal footing consultations for a "fair and equitable" settlement.

Addressing his annual press conference on the sidelines of the Chinese parliament, Wang also said that some forces have always sought to stoke tensions between China and India, in an apparent reference to the US.

"China and India relations have encountered some setbacks in recent years which do not serve the fundamental interests of the two countries and the two peoples," Wang said in response to a question asked by PTI on the boundary issue and ties between the two neighbours.

"As regards the boundary question, it is left over from history. China has all along advocated managing differences through equal footing consultation and actively seeking a fair and equitable settlement and meanwhile not letting it affect or interfere with bigger picture of bilateral cooperation," he said. China and India should be "partners rather than rivals", said Wang, who is also the State Councilor.

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi at a news conference via video link

Last month, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said relationship with China is right now going through a "very difficult phase" after Beijing violated agreements not to bring military forces to the border.

Wang said some forces have always sought to stoke tension between China and India and division between regions. "Their attempts have put more and more thoughtful people in reflection and on alert," he said.

"More and more people have come to realise that for China and India, both major countries with a population of over one billion, only by staying independent can we firmly grasp our own destiny," Wang said. **PTI**

Loan payments were on BSF jawan's mind

#AMRITSAR

A BSF jawan who allegedly killed four of his colleagues before fatally turning the gun on himself at a camp in Amritsar had recently taken a loan and was reportedly concerned about it and his family, the officials conducting an internal inquiry into the incident have found. A team of officers from the Border Security Force (BSF) has left to meet the family of Constable Satteppa SK (35), who hailed from Karnataka, in order to probe the sequence of events, officials said.

The jawan is survived by his wife and two kids. Officials privy to the court of inquiry being conducted into the shootout that took place in Amritsar's Khasa area along the India-Pakistan border said Satteppa had taken a loan and was paying EMIs (equated monthly installments). He was probably concerned over this issue, they added. The force is also looking at the statements made by his family members, where they reportedly said Satteppa was suffering from mental health issues. **–PTI**

Importance of counting butterflies

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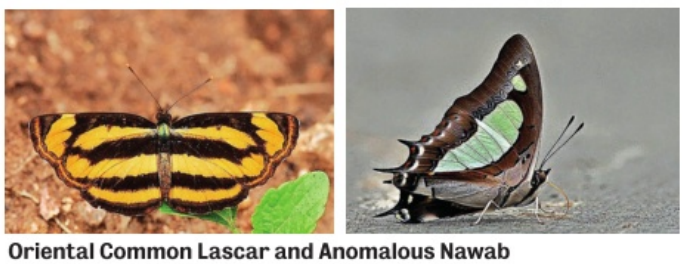
forest department (KFD), awareness drives were undertaken about the importance of butterflies through events like Butterfly Festivals. The department planted larval host plants and nectar plants which helped in improving butterfly populations; in addition, butterfly parks were set up in various parts of Karnataka which played a key part in improving populations. The Karnataka forest department conducted population surveys in Dandeli, Kodagu and Bannerghatta to study butterflies," said Rohit Girotra, member of the butterfly club.

The BBC has also conducted over 300 plus butterfly walks for the public and assisted the Karnataka forest department in conducting the annual butterfly festival. So far, KFD has conducted five butterfly festivals.



Oriental Common Lascar and Anomalous Nawab

"Climate change and especially its biological impact, including northward movement of species, contribute to decline in populations. This impact is revealed while studying butterflies. People have been counting butterflies for more than 47 years starting from England and other European countries, and now in India. As the butterflies were counted without fail every year, the numbers showed what the butterfly population was like. It is also important to count butterflies in a specific habitat. For example, in Doresanipalya, with the counting, it became evident that KFD has been increasing the numbers of native species. We can also understand how best to handle developments and balance it with conservation," Dr Krushnamegh Kunte, associate professor, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) told BM.

It is said Bengaluru has 179 species of butterflies; three most commonly seen species are Common Grass Yellow, Common Emigrant and Common Fourring.

The rediscovery of the Lilac Silverline at Hessaraghatta Lake by Nitin Ravikantachari was an important milestone for the BBC. The Lilac Silverline, which was thought to be extinct, was rediscovered. The sighting proved a breeding population of this rare species still exists, which is important because this species is legally protected in India under Schedule II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act.

The butterfly club, meanwhile, stressed how important it is for more citizens and nature lovers to come forward and get involved in butterfly counting so as to keep a tab on the numbers which would in turn help protect the environment.

Hybrid mentality

Not work from home or from office, organisations are navigating the hybrid landscape

The great enforced global experiment in working from home is coming to an end, as vaccines, the Omicron variant and new therapeutic drugs bring the COVID-19 crisis under control.

But a voluntary experiment has begun, as organisations navigate the new landscape of hybrid work, combining the best elements of remote work with time in the office.

Yes, there is some push for a "return to normal" and getting workers back into offices. But ideas such as food vouchers and parking discounts are mostly being proposed by city councils and CBD businesses keen to get their old customers back.

A wide range of surveys over the past 18 months show most employees and increasingly employers have no desire to return to commuting five days a week. The seismic shift in employer attitudes is signalled by Google, long a fierce opponent of working from home.

Last week the company told employees they must return to the office from early April – but only for three days a week.

That's still way more than tech companies such as Australia's Atlassian, which expects workers to come into the office just four days a year, but it is a far cry from its pre-pandemic resistance to remote work.

Hybrid work is here to stay. Employers will either embrace the change or find themselves being left behind.

Gains in productivity

Google began – under pressure – to soften its opposition to remote work in 2020. In December of that year chief executive Sundar Pichai told employees:

We are testing a hypothesis that a flexible work model will lead to greater productivity, collaboration, and well-being.

Its chief concern has been protecting the social capital that springs from physical proximity – and also perhaps with keeping employers under surveillance.

But longstanding (and widespread) management concerns that employees working from home would lower productivity have proven unfounded. Even before the pandemic there was good research showing no productivity penalty from remote working – the opposite, in fact.

Fro example, a 2014 randomised trial involving about 250 Shanghai call centre workers found working from home associated with 13% more productivity. This comprised a 9% gain from working more minutes per shift – due perhaps to fewer interruptions – and a 4% gain from making more calls per minute – attributed to a quieter, more comfortable working environment.

Research in the past two years supports these findings.

Harvard Business School professor Raj Choudury and colleagues published research in October 2020 that found allowing employees to work wherever they like led to a 4.4% increase in output.

In April 2021, Stanford University economist Nick Bloom and colleagues calculated a the shift to remote working resulted in a 5% productivity boost. Though their working paper, published by the National Bureau of Economic Research, was not peer reviewed, it was based on surveying 30,000 American workers, which is a decent sample size.

Our relationship with work has changed

There are good reasons most of us don't want to go back to the old normal. It just wasn't that great.

While working from home can brings challenges of other kinds, not least the ability to switch off and stop working when work is done, working in an office can increase stress, lower mood and reduce productivity.

My own research has measured the effects of typical open-plan office noises, finding a 25% increase in negative mood even after a short exposure time.

Then there's the time spent commuting. Not having to go into the office every day frees up hours of time to do other things. Particularly in winter it's nice to not have to leave and arrive home in the dark.

Changed expectations of work

The importance of these things should not be underestimated.

In a June 2021 study by McKinsey of 245 employees who had returned to the office, one-third said they felt their mental health had been harmed.

The experience of the pandemic has lowered our tolerance for this old world of work.

Nothing exemplifies this better than the growth of the "lie-flat" trend, which began in China and is now a global phenomenon. Increasing numbers of people are rejecting the idea of pursuing a career at all costs.

They don't want to spend their life being a cog in the wheel of capitalism and are choosing to work less – even not at all.

No one size fits all

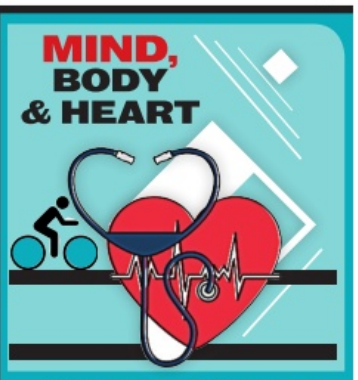
Rather than a bastion of meaning and fulfilment, the structures around how we have conducted work has for many people meant an existence of quiet desperation. The pandemic has brought an unforeseen opportunity to change this narrative and rethink both the way we work and the role of work in our lives

For some, no job is better than a bad job. The rest of us will settle for the flexibility we've had over the past two years.

No one size fits all. The downsides of working from home include missing coworkers and losing the benefits of serendipitous conversations. The nuances of how much time we need to spend together in the office for outcomes like creativity, belonging, learning and relationship building varies between individuals, teams and job types.

But what is certain is we don't need to be together five days a week to make these things happen. With a shrinking workforce and an increasing war for talent, employers who don't provide flexibility will be the losers.

(Libby (Elizabeth) Sander, Bond University, The Conversation via PTI)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My boyfriend and I are in our late 20s and have been together since university a few years ago.
My problem is that I think he's addicted to porn and it affects our sex life, which is infrequent and, when we do it, it's boring and he's not engaged.
It feels to me like he's going through the motions.
It makes me feel not good enough and my confidence and self-esteem are very low.
He promised to limit how much he uses porn, but nothing is changing and I am seriously starting to wonder why I'm sticking around.

COLEEN SAYS

As with all addictions, he has to recognise he has a problem and be willing to accept help if it is to be effective.
He has to take responsibility for it and, if he's not at that stage, you have to decide if you are willing to wait for him.
I know psychosexual counselling can be very effective and it's worth suggesting it to him.
Believe it or not, it can actually be easier to talk about intimate issues with a professional than directly with your partner.
This type of therapy will address your relationship as a whole as well as the problems around sex and porn. Hopefully, the sessions would get to the root of what's driving his obsession with porn.
There are lots of resources online, too.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Sip away on the herbal teas, ladies

BETWEEN one and three daily cups of herbal tea can help relieve menstrual symptoms, a study claims.

Chamomile, rose hip and spearmint were also found to ease anxiety, sleeplessness and stress.

Brewed for five to 15 minutes, phytochemicals in cuppas improved the body's control of glucose, insulin and blood lipids.

Women in trials added they had less stiffness from osteoarthritis and "brain fog" after catching Covid.

Ahead of International Women's Day tomorrow, Dr Catherine Hood, of the Tea Advisory Panel, said: "To date we have underestimated the significant effect that hormones have on women's health."

–ANI

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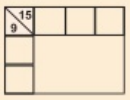
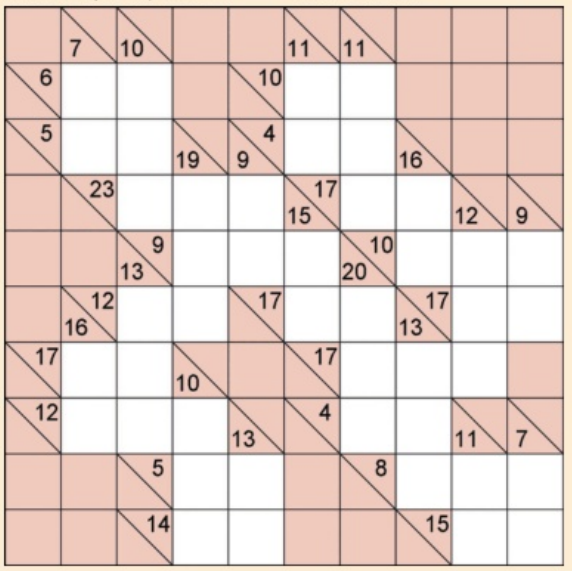
How many two-digit odd numbers are there in which the two digits are different? (no leading zeros)

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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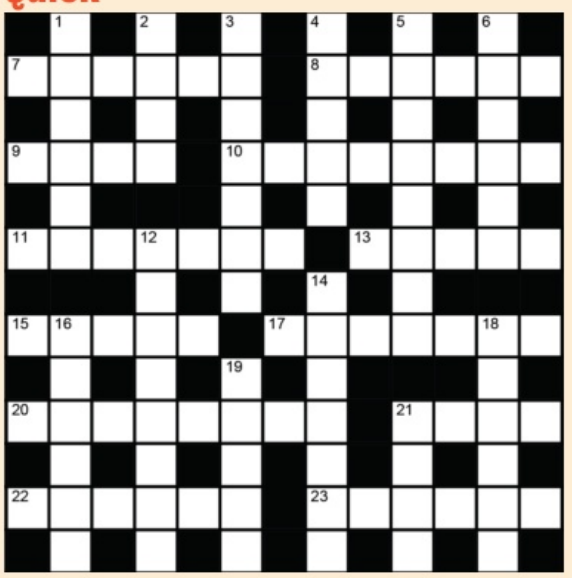


ACROSS

7 Former President ___ Mukherjee (6)
8 English footballer Wayne ____ (6)
9 Distinctive doctrines (4)
10 Irritating and persistent (8)
11 National park in Uttar Pradesh (7)
13 Tale (5)
15 Copying slavishly? (5)
17 Utters a series of oaths; swears (4,3)
20 Where in Karnataka Shiravati River drops 253 meters (3,5)
21 Popular songs (4)
22 Edge or limit (6)
23 Civilised, refined (6)

DOWN

1 Certain type of painting (6)
2 Concludes (4)
3 Hard black vulcanized rubber (7)
4 Lees, leftovers (5)
5 Taints or contaminates, air or water (8)
6 Sharper (6)
12 Genuine or real (4,4)
14 A scale of temperature (7)
16 A quantum of radiant energy (6)
18 Mean to do (6)
19 Office worker (5)
21 Central parts of wheels (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS T

RGFD DT QTZRY KZYJVGRD, YHNVTRYQ NRY SGNEUQ NEG DCG ENEGQD DCHRJQ HR DCG PTEUY.

Linemaro

I'm not drunk, I'm just intoxicated by you.

Mindchow

Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point

Joke of the day

One way to stop a runaway horse is to bet on him

Loop

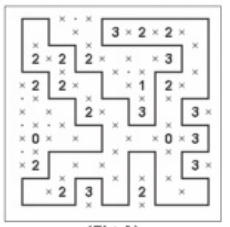
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

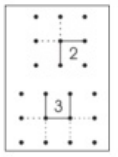
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

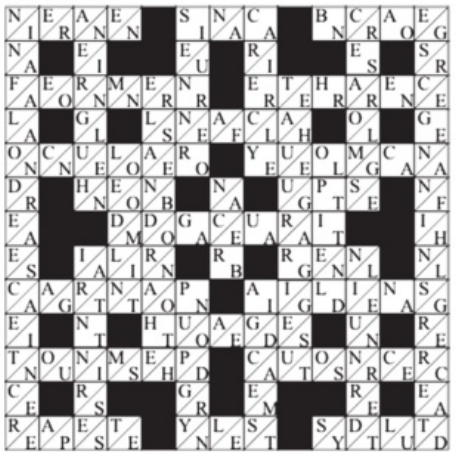


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

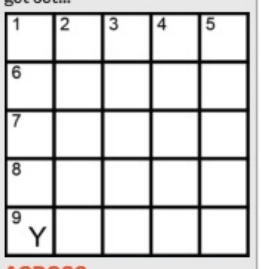
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

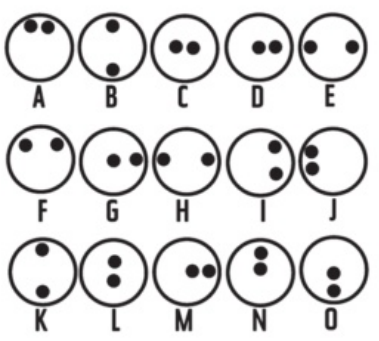
1 Cadre; 6 Toe up; 7 I noon; 8 CE pen; 9 Shy go

DOWN

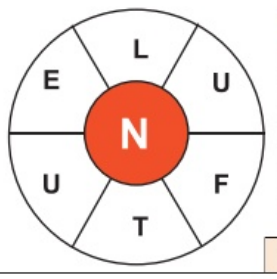
1 Pay to; 2 No ore; 3 IC gun; 4 Cop he; 5 Dense

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

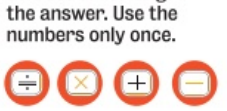
SudokuChallenge

4	6						7	
	9		7			2		
				2	3	5		
	4	6		8				
3			1		2			4
				7		3	1	
		8	2	6				
		5			4		8	
	3						5	2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 4
1 2 2 5

Medium = 15
5 6 8 8

Hard = 15
2 8 8 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

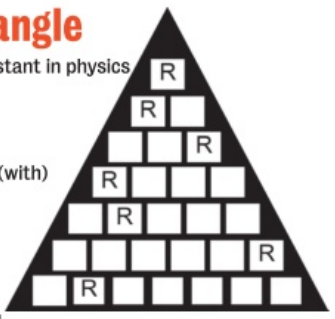
Differences: 1. Lampshade is wider. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Leaf is missing from plant. 4. Sleeve is longer. 5. Foot is smaller. 6. Arm of chair is different.

Riddler

Find an anagram for each word in Group A. Each anagram will answer one of the clues in Group B. Group A 1. Chore, 2. Brace, 3. Puree, 4. Coast, 5. Thing Group B A. Broad Necktie, B. Earth Pigment, C. Time of Darkness, D. Indian Money, E. Sour or Bitter

Alpha triangle

1 Universal gas constant in physics
2 Egyptian sun God
3 Viscid sealant
4 Classify
5 Chatter
6 Mess damagingly (with)
7 Tread underfoot



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Bizarrotrip

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Diamond Lil

I WENT TO THAT NEW PLACE FOR LUNCH TODAY
IT'S CALLED THE BODYBUILDER CAFE
WHAT DID YOU HAVE?
THE MUSCLES SPROUTS
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Hart of the city

FANFICTION IS WHEN A FAN WRITES STORIES ABOUT CHARACTERS FROM TV, GAMES, BOOKS, ETC.
OH, THAT'S EASY!
LOOK AT THESE TWO. THEY PROBABLY LOVE EACH OTHER!
LOOK AT THE SCARF ON THE ELF, PROBABLY GIVEN TO HIM BY THE BOAR.
THE SCARF MATCHES THE BOAR'S JACKET AND IS THEIR ONLY WAY TO SHOW THEIR DEVOTION FOR EACH OTHER!
I'M FULLY INVESTED. PLEASE WRITE SOME FANFICTION.
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Crankshaft

YOU KNOW HOW YOU WISH THAT CHRISTMAS COULD GO ON LONGER?
WELL, THANKS TO THE POST OFFICE, IT DOES... MERRY CHRISTMAS!
12-30
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be able to make a balance between your earnings and expenses which may boost your bank balance. You are likely to perform better in your job. Your boss can give you new responsibilities in terms of promotions. You may get back your money which was stuck. You may be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you will be blessed by moon. Love would be in the air in terms of personal life. Singles may find their suitable match. You may do better in terms of professional life. Your friends and subordinate staff are likely to support you.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel dull due to sleeplessness; you may be scattered towards your goals. This may affect your working efficiency; you may plan to visit some religious place. But during late evening, you may be blessed by your elders; you may find out your mistakes and may make a good plan for the coming day. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your subordinate staff may be cooperative; it may help you to complete postponed projects. You are likely to join some social event, which may boost your network; it may help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go for an outing with friends. Some disputes with friends may be settled now. Students are advised to avoid carelessness.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your communication skills may help you on the professional front. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you which may help you to speed up your projects. Lovebirds are likely to exchange their views with each other, which may strengthen the foundation of their relationship.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you will be blessed by the moon. New partnerships may give you benefits. Your energy level is likely to be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay off in terms of financial gain. Self-respect may protect you from negative people around you.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel dull and unhappy. You are advised to avoid harsh conversations with friends and family members. You may also not be able to get rewards for your hard work. You need to follow your intuition. You're advised to be patient while taking some important decision.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, new sources of income are likely to be opened. Your past investments may give you a good profit, which will boost your bank balance. You are likely to connect with a social organisation, which will increase your network. Singles may find their soulmate in terms of marriage. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be in a hurry. You are advised to drive safely. But with the blessing of elders, you may come out from a messy situation. You will be expected to handle many things at once, where your patience may help you to get success. You may expect some positive results in new partnerships. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments. Jobseekers may find a suitable job.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, blessings from elders may make you confident. You may follow your intuition before taking up any initiatives which may help you at work. Your intuition may help to gain more in terms of finance. You are likely to visit some religious place with your family members. You must control your arrogance to enjoy your domestic life. Students may expect good results with the help of destiny.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may expect some instant gains in your business which may boost your confidence as well as bank balance. You're advised to avoid stress in domestic life. There would be some momentum at business and work front. Your prestige may be increased. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, things may not be favourable. You may feel dull and unhappy. Some mysterious fear may make you upset. You are likely to be attracted by occult. You may feel a lack of confidence, which may affect your work. It is best to avoid to rash driving and risky adventure tours.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
10 to 99, there are a total of 90 numbers 45 of them are odd 11, 33, 55, 77, 99 have same digits. That leaves 40 two-digit odd numbers that are made up of different digits

BULL'S EYE
fluent, lent, tune, TUNEFUL, unfelt

STRIKE OUT

I	R	A	N	S	A	C	B	R	A	G				
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FAST FIVE

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QUOTE UNCODE
Next to sound judgment, diamonds and pearls are the rarest things in the world.

SUDOKU

6	3	4	8	1	7	9	2	5
7	2	5	9	3	4	1	8	6
9	1	8	2	6	5	4	3	7
2	5	9	4	7	6	3	1	8
3	8	7	1	5	2	6	9	4
1	4	6	3	8	9	7	2	5
8	7	1	6	9	3	2	5	4
5	9	3	7	4	8	2	6	1
4	6	2	5	9	1	8	7	3

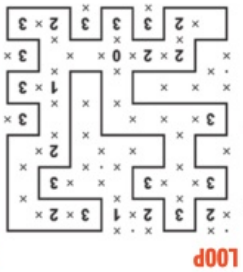
MENSA PUZZLE
G. All the others can be paired A-J, B-E, C-L, D-N, F-I, H-K and M-O

RIDDLER
A. Coast = (4) Ascot,
B. Chore = (1) Ocher,
C. Thing = (5) Night,
D. Puree = (3) Rupee,
E. Brace = (2) Acerb

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ra, Tar, Rate, Prate, Tamper, Trample.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 − 2 + 5 − 1 = 4
Medium
5 + 8 + 8 − 6 = 15
Hard
2 x 8 − 8 + 7 = 15

LOOP



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Body positive Bebo

Word of advice from Kareena: Size 0 or 16, just enjoy each phase of life

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan, who welcomed her second baby boy last year in February, is a fitness enthusiast. She is often seen inspiring her fans with her pictures from Yoga sessions. On Monday, she took to Instagram and penned a note on body positivity.

In her post, Bebo revealed that she gained 25 kg during her pregnancy but she never let it interfere with doing the things she loved.

Sharing pictures from a brand shoot, Kareena wrote, "Whether a messy hair day or a glammed up outing, or going from size 0 to size 16, I have thoroughly lived and enjoyed every phase of my life." She further also urged all the girls to make their own decisions. She added, "So to all the girls reading this... it's your life, and your decisions are the only ones that matter...Always."

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Meanwhile, Bebo and Saif Ali Khan's second baby boy, Jeh Ali Khan recently turned one. An intimate birthday party was hosted by the couple at their house. Ibrahim and Sara Ali Khan were also seen attending the bash.

On the work front, Kareena will be seen in 'Laal Singh Chaddha' with Aamir Khan. The film was supposed to release in April but the makers have now postponed it to August this year.

Shriya's Kabzaa look

Actor Shriya Saran on Monday revealed her character's name and look in director Chandru's upcoming action entertainer 'Kabzaa', featuring Kannada star Upendra in the lead. Taking to Instagram, the actor, said, "'Kabzaa' is an action movie set in 1970s. This movie depicts the journey of a brutal gangster in India history ever revealed. Even I'm curious to know about it.. aren't you? Directed by the amazing Chandru." She also went on to add, "Thank you for making me part of this beautiful film."

Shriya plays the character of Madhumathi in the film, which will have Kannada superstar Kichcha Sudeep playing a pivotal role. Sudeep plays an character called Bharagava Bakshi in the film. The film is expected to release simultaneously in seven languages, in a first. Apart from Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi, the film in Odiya and Bengali as well. **IANS**

There's 'brown girls' in the ring

American actor Melanie Chandra opens up on working with co-actor Surina Jindal in the movie 'Hot Mess Holiday'. She also talks about her character as it will have an Indian premiere on International Women's day.

Melanie shares why she said 'Yes' to the movie: "Surina and I have been collaborating on creative projects for over 7 years now. We originally started performing on Youtube, and now we are exploring the idea of our own television series. When we were asked to create a holiday movie for Comedy Central, it was a great opportunity to continue that collaboration as executive producers, creators, and leading ladies of our own film."

"We knew it was so important to make this movie, because it would be a huge step forward for desi representation on screen in the US! This was the type of movie we wish we could see growing up. We hope that brown girls can finally feel represented and that this movie can open doors for other brown creatives who want to get into TV and film," she adds.

'Hot Mess Holiday' is all about two best friends. The actor shares the crazy adventures she has with her best friend. "Surina is not just my best friend in the movie, but also in real life! We have this great ying-yang element to our friendship. I'm generally Type A, and she's always the one to pull me out of my comfort zone and let loose a bit," she says. **—IANS**

Not me, she's my evil twin

Bollywood actor Madhuri Dixit, who is seen in web series 'The Fame Game', says her on-screen character Anamika Anand differs from her real self. She was in conversation with Karan Johar about the show.

Talking about how Anamika is different from her, she said: "Nothing fazes me, I forge ahead always. There are so many other things I can do in life. But I don't think Anamika would be able to deal with things the way I do." "She would be a mess. If she walks into a room and nobody recognises her, she'll go mad. She's like my evil twin," adds the actress.

She also talked about her equation with her husband Dr Shriram Nene and how they met and started a relationship.

"We met very casually at my brother's house. He had a party and he was a party guest. We met and started talking, we spoke about everything else," concludes Madhuri.

'The Fame Game' features Madhuri Dixit and Sanjay Kapoor in lead roles. It streams on Netflix. **— ETimes**

Inspirational beauty

Actor Rhea Chakraborty is known for dishing out major fashion goals with perfection. Along with that, the actress is known for sharing thought-provoking quotes on her social media handle.

Having said that, she recently took to her Instagram handle to drop a bunch of breathtaking pictures.

The photos were also accompanied by a little note which read, "Find yourself and you will find strength, fortitude, grit, compassion and love".

In the pictures, Rhea looked drop-dead gorgeous in an off shoulder red dress paired with matching heels. Chunky statement earrings tied her whole look together.

On a professional note, Rhea recently returned to work after 2 years.

Sharing her video from the studio she wrote, "Yesterday, I went to work after two years. A big thank you to all the people who stood by me through my toughest times. No matter what , the sun always shines NEVER GIVE UP! #rhenew #gratitude." She was last seen in Rumy Jafry's 'Chehre' opposite Amitabh Bachchan and Emraan Hashmi.